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WASHINGTON—SEN. STUART SYMINGTON, D-MO., COMPLAINED TODAY THAT TWO KEY CONGRESSIONAL COMMITTEES KNEW VERY LITTLE ABOUT THE ENTIRE MATTER OF U-2 PILOT FRANCIS GARY POWERS AND SHOULD INSIST ON FULL INFORMATION.

SYMINGTON WAS IMMEDIATELY SUPPORTED BY SEN. WAYNE L. MORSE, D-ORE., ANOTHER MEMBER OF THE SENATE FOREIGN RELATIONS COMMITTEE. BOTH SAID THEY WOULD NOT INSIST THAT POWERS BE CALLED IN PERSON UNLESS THAT WAS THE ONLY WAY TO GET THE COMPLETE STORY.

SYMINGTON VOICED HIS COMPLAINT AS A MEMBER OF THE FOREIGN RELATIONS GROUP, WHICH YESTERDAY ASKED SECRETARY RUSK FOR A FULL REPORT ON WHAT POWERS TELLS GOVERNMENT QUESTIONERS, BUT IN HIS REQUEST, ACTING CHAIRMAN JOHN J. SPARKMAN, D-ALA., DID NOT ASK FOR POWERS TO APPEAR IN PERSON.

THE MISSOURI SENATOR SAID HE WAS A MEMBER OF BOTH THE FOREIGN RELATIONS AND ARMED SERVICES COMMITTEES BUT "I AM FRANK TO SAY I DON'T KNOW ANYTHING ABOUT THE POWERS VENTURE AT ALL" EXCEPT WHAT HE READ IN THE PAPERS.

BOTH OF SYMINGTON'S COMMITTEES HAVE INDICATED THEIR INTEREST IN A REPORT ON THE MATTER.

SYMINGTON SAID HE WAS FORCED "TO WONDER JUST WHAT THE PREROGATIVES OF THE SENATE ARE IN THIS MATTER" WHEN THE TWO COMMITTEES WERE RELATIVELY UNINFORMED.

HE TOLD NEWSMEN LATER HE THOUGHT POWERS SHOULD BE QUESTIONED IN PERSON ONLY IF REPORTS FROM GOVERNMENT AGENCIES DID NOT SUPPLY AS MUCH INFORMATION AS SENATORS NEEDED.

FOR ONE THING, SYMINGTON SAID, "I WANT TO KNOW WHY THE (U-2 SPY) PLANE HAS NOT BEEN DESTROYED." THE FORMER AIR FORCE SECRETARY SAID "I HOPE THAT ONE OF THE TWO COMMITTEES WILL GET THE ANSWERS."

MORSE TOLD NEWSMEN HE THOUGHT SYMINGTON RAISED AN "IMPORTANT POINT" IN THE QUESTION OF CONGRESSIONAL RESPONSIBILITY AND INFORMATION. THE OREGON DEMOCRAT SAID THE FOREIGN RELATIONS GROUP SHOULD FIRST GET THE ADMINISTRATION REPORTS ON THE CASE "AND THEN DECIDE WHETHER WE OUGHT TO HAVE (POWERS)" IN PERSON.

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